Walther PPQ Field Stripping and Cleaning Instruction Manual

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Walther PPQ

The Walther PPQ is a 9mm striker fired polymer handgun. This classic handgun is a staple for its reliability and world class trigger for striker fired pistols. As expected from a Walther firearm, the ergonomics on this handgun are top notch, and in this manual beginners will be taken step by step through clearing the firearm, field stripping, and cleaning.

> ⚠ WARNING: Misuse of a firearm can cause serious injury or death. Always treat your firearm as if it were loaded and keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Clearing the Firearm

1. Ensure the firearm is pointed in a safe direction and your finger is off the trigger.
2. Depress the magazine release button with your thumb (see Figure 1) to release the magazine from the gun. Place the magazine in a safe location.
3. Rack the slide back with your weak hand till it locks back. (see Figure 2)
4. Check the barrel for any cartridge loaded in the chamber. (see Figure 3)
    - Note: If a round is in the chamber, remove it by pulling the round out with your hand or a small flathead tool such as a screwdriver.

Figure 1: Releasing the magazine

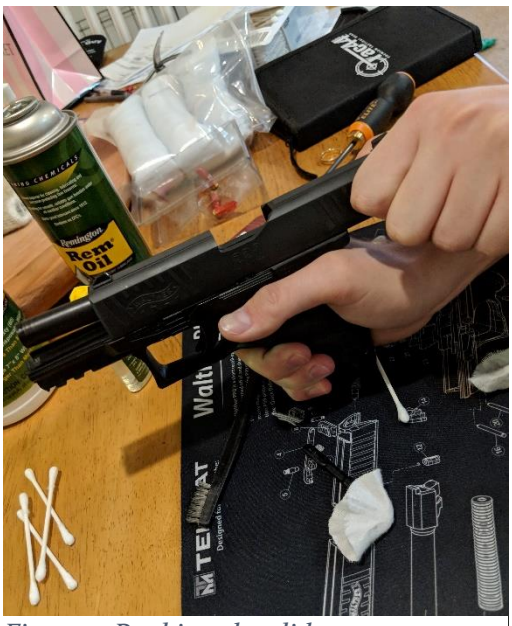

Figure 1: Racking the slide

Figure 3: Clearing the chamber

Field Stripping the Firearm

> ⚠ WARNING: To field strip the Walther PPQ, the firearm must be dry fired. It is imperative for your safety and others that you ensure absolutely that the firearm has been cleared and is safe and unloaded.

1. Return the slide to its unlocked position by pulling racking the slide (see Figure 2) till resistance is met and letting go. (see Figure 4)
2. Ensure the firearm is pointed in a safe direction, then release the internal striker by pulling the trigger to dry fire the gun.
3. Depress the slide release buttons located on both sides of the firearm above the trigger guard. (see Figure 5) This will unlock the slide for removal and will slide it forward if done successfully. (see Figure 5a).
4. Grasp the slide and remove it by sliding it off from the front.

Figure 4: Returning the Slide

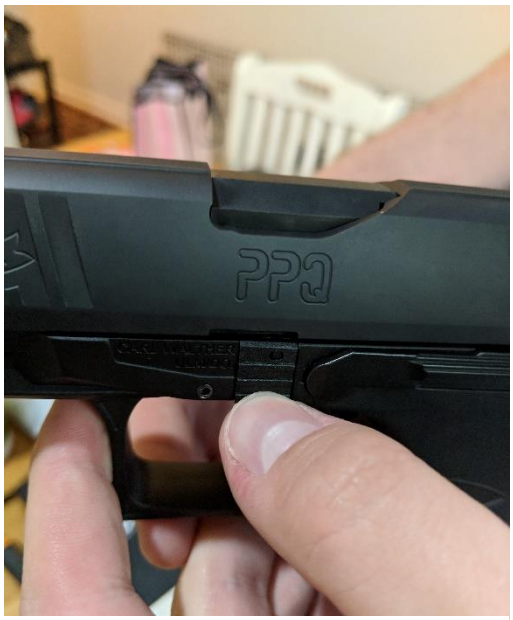

Figure 5: Depressing the slide release buttons

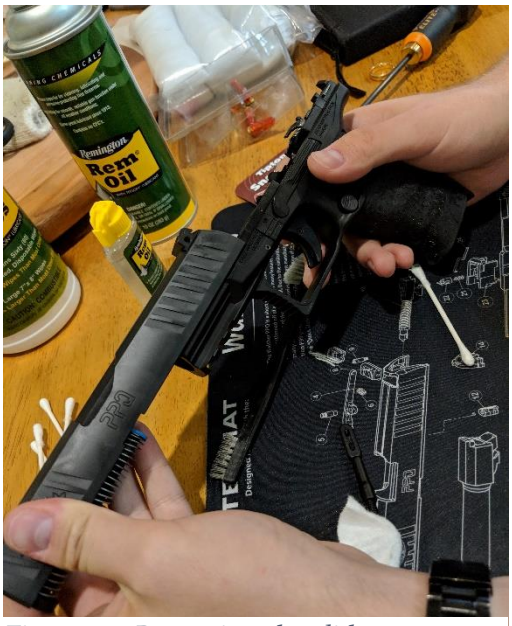

Figure 5a: Removing the slide

5. Remove the recoil guide rod from the slide by depressing the spring and lifting. (See Figure 6.)

6. Remove the barrel from the slide by pressing in on the barrel from the breach. (See Figure 7.)

Upon completion of step 6, the firearm is stripped and ready to be cleaned. (See Figure 8)

Figure 6: Removing the recoil guide rod

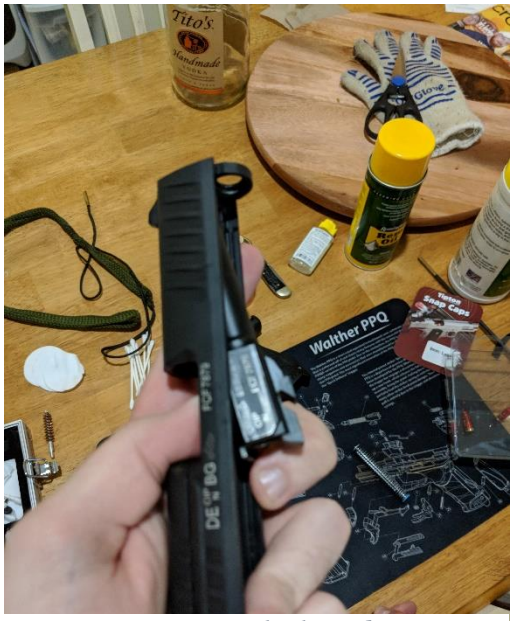

Figure 7: Removing the barrel

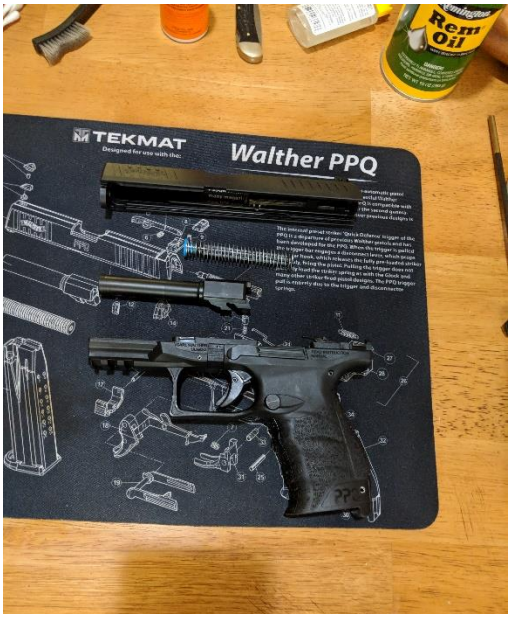

Figure 8: Field stripped Walther PPQ

Items Needed for Cleaning the Walther PPQ

- Bristled cleaning brush
- Remington Oil Spray
- Remington Oil Wipes
- Cloth Circular pads
- Q-tips
    - Note: Off brand Q-tips are recommended as on brand have more cotton and leave cotton particles behind as you clean.
- Bore Snake (See green cord in Figure 7)
- Cleaning mat
    - Note: Cleaning mat is recommended but not necessary, see (Figure 8) for example of TEKMAT cleaning mat.

Figure 9: Cleaning supplies

Cleaning the Walther PPQ

1. Spray the inside of the slide and frame with Remington Oil Spray and scrub with bristled brush. (See Figure 10, 10a, 10b)

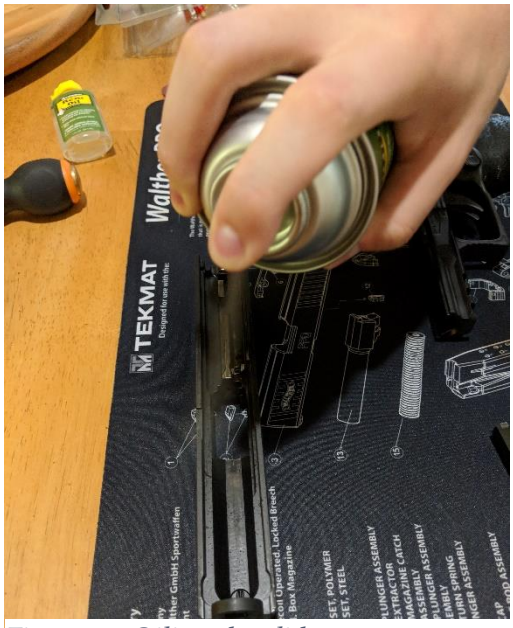

Figure 10: Oiling the slide

Figure 10a: Oiling the frame

Figure 10b: Brushing the slide

2. Dry the scrubbed areas using a cloth, or a Q-tip for harder to reach areas. (See Figure 11)
    - Note: Repeat steps 1 and 2 until the cloth pads and Q tips show no dirt or grime when wiped. (See Figure 11a)
3. Wipe exterior surfaces of the firearm with Remington Oil Wipes. (See Figure 12)
4. Wipe exterior of the barrel with Remington Oil Wipes. (See figure 13)

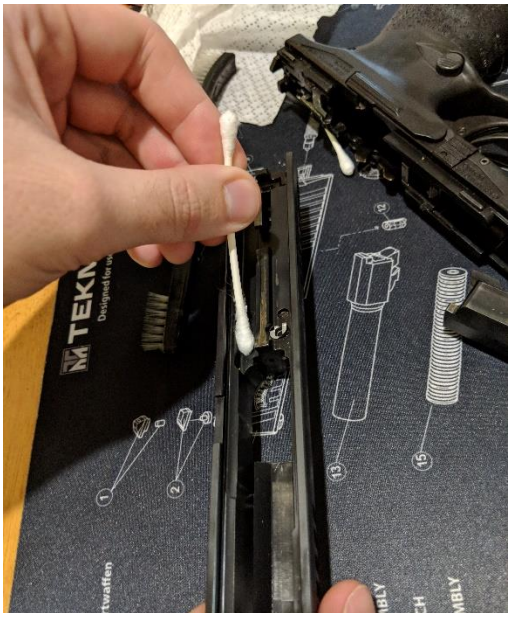

Figure 11: Swabbing the slide with Q-tip

Figure 11a: More cleaning required

Figure 12: Wiping the exterior

Figure 13: Wiping the barrel

5. Spray the first few inches of the bore snake with Remington Oil. (See Figure 14)
6. Lower the head end of the bore snake through the barrel of the firearm. (See Figure 15)
7. Pull the bore snake all the way through the barrel to clean and dry the barrel. The bore snake should be pulled in the same direct a bullet travels through the barrel. (See Figure 16.)

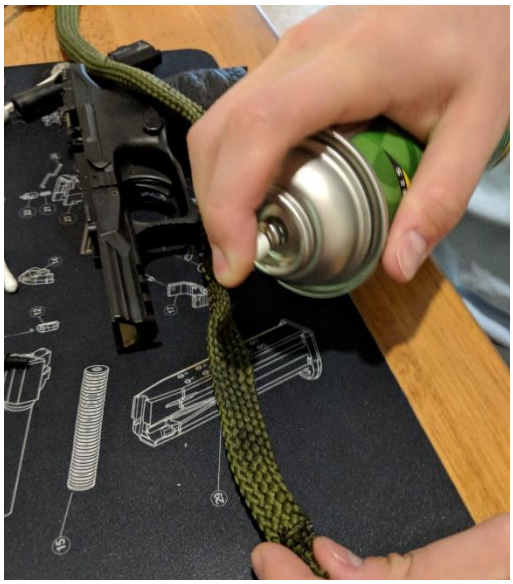

Figure 14: Lubricating the bore snake

Figure 15: Inserting the bore snake in the barrel

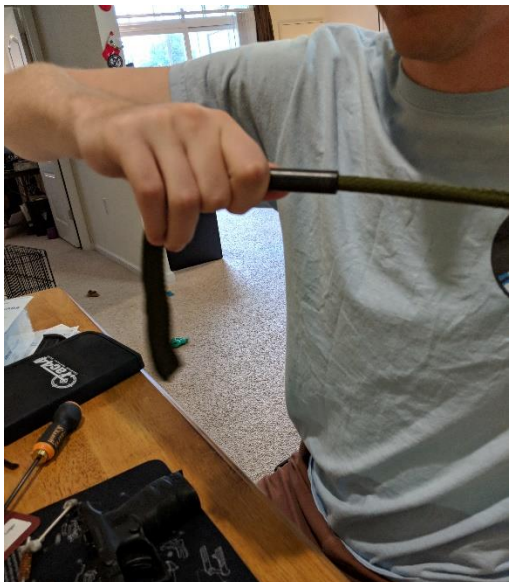

Figure 16: Pulling the bore snake through the barrel

Reassembling the Firearm.

Reassembly of the Walther PPQ is the same as field stripping but reversed.

1. Reinsert the barrel into the slide.
2. Attach the recoil guide rod by depressing the spring and lowering the blue tip end into the notches in the barrel (See Figure 17)
3. Align the slide with the slide rails on the frame and rack the slide all the way back, then releasing. (See Figure 18, 18a)

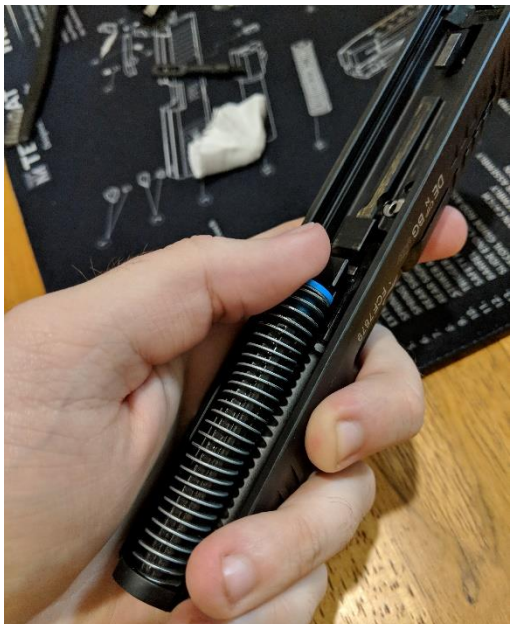

Figure 17: Attaching the recoil guide rod to the slide

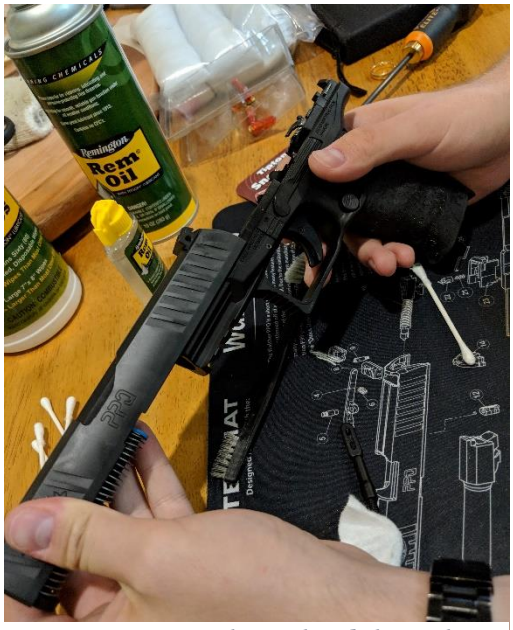

Figure 18: Reattaching the slide to the frame

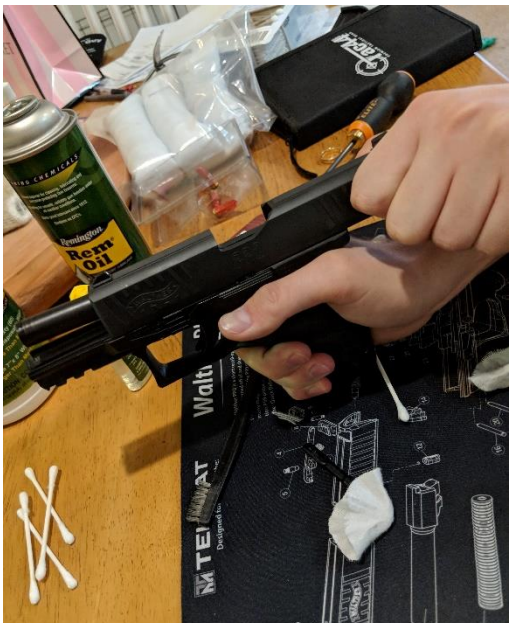

Figure 18a: Racking the slide

Once you have completed step 3 of the reassembly, your firearm is now stripped, cleaned, and reassembled. Remember to store your firearm is a safe locked location, away from the reach of children, and always practice safe gun handling etiquette.